GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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KAYAMKULAM THERMAL POWER PLANT
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) has offered a forty per cent stake in its Kayamkulam thermal plant expansion to Qatar;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the likely employment generation opportunities therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Madam.

During bilateral talks in April, 2006, Qatar expressed willingness to invest US$ 5 billion in various projects in India. Subsequently, during another level of bilateral talks in May, 2006, Rajiv Gandhi Combined Cycle Expansion Power Project (1050 MW) at Kayamkulam, Kerala was identified as one of the possible projects for investment by Qatar. In April, 2010, during the visit of an Indian delegation to Qatar, 40% equity stake in NTPC`s above project at Kayamkulam in Kerala has been offered to the Qatar Governmental agencies for investment.

Should the expansion plan of the project materialize, it will create opportunities for employment.